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Search of Khaddar depots.

*256 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the khaddar depots searched by the Police up to date during the calendar year 1932, in the Presidency, with reasons for the search in each case?

A.—The only cases of which the Government are aware are:—

(1) Khadi Depot of the All-India Spinners' Association at Bezwada,

(2) the Sitanagaram Ashram in East Godavari district,

(3) the Khadi Vastralaya, Coimbatore,

(4) the Akhila Bharata Charka Sangam *alias* Khadi Bandar, Vizagapatam,

(5) the Khaddar Vastralayam in Tinnevelly, and

(6) the Khadi Depot of the Andhra Branch of the All-India Spinners' Association at Nidadavole.

The reasons for the search were in the case of item (1) a warrant issued by the Joint Magistrate authorizing the search for unauthorized news-sheets;

in the cases of items (2), (3) and (4) because the places were notified under section 3 (1) of the Unlawful Association Ordinance, No. IV of 1932;

in the case of item (5) a warrant issued by the Subdivisional Magistrate under sections 120-B and 507, Indian Penal Code; and

in the case of item (6) in order to ascertain if the funds of the depot were utilized for the furtherance of the unlawful activities of the Congress.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" As a result of these searches, in how many of these depots were incriminating matter and unauthorized news-sheets found? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
" In almost all, I suppose, speaking from memory."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Is that the information that the hon. the Home Member has? Is it a fact that in almost all these depots unauthorized news-sheets and incriminating matter were found? Were there not cases in which nothing was found? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
" I have not got those details, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Is not the hon. the Home Member in possession of the facts as to in how many cases they found incriminating matter after the search? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
" I have nothing to add to what I have said."